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## A Message from Mayor Steven M. Fulop, August 3rd, 2020

Good evening. This is Mayor Steven Fulop with an important message regarding the impending tropical storm expected to bring heavy rain and high winds to our area beginning tonight, with the steadiest and heaviest rainfall impacting our area on Tuesday, August 4th, from about 10am through 10pm.

Please be advised: even though we have greatly improved our flood prevention infrastructure, if the storm's intensity remains on track for our region, we may be subject to dangerous flash flooding conditions. The National Weather Service has issued a Flash Flood Watch in effect Tuesday. Tropical Storm Force Winds between 40-50 mph are expected to arrive by Tuesday afternoon, which could cause downed trees and power lines. We ask everyone to remain indoors when possible, and to use extreme caution especially during the storm's peak intensity.

To prepare for the hazardous weather, the city has deployed barricades to over 30 locations citywide to divert traffic around identified flood prone areas. City crews have also been out cleaning catch basins to maintain proper drainage.

We ask all residents as well as restaurant and business owners to remove or properly secure any outdoor items that can exacerbate hazardous conditions during strong winds and flash flooding. This includes garbage cans that often get tipped over by the wind and rain, resulting in scattered debris and clogged drainage.

Lastly, drivers are reminded to avoid flooded roadways where water is often deeper and more dangerous than it appears.

The city will continue to monitor the storm as it approaches and we will take all proper precautions to maintain everyone's safety. We thank you for your cooperation on this, and we will continue to send updates through the city's social media channels and website.

Thank you and stay safe.

- Mayor Steven Fulop